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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON US-UGANDAN RELATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE USED ON IF-
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2. Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE U.S. IS PULLING OUT OF UGANDA?

A: AS A RESULT OF THREATENING STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT AMIN TOWARD AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA AND HIS INCREASING CRITICISM OF U.S. ACTIVITIES THERE, IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE, MANY PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL IS BEING REDUCED.

Q: ARE YOU URGING PRIVATE AMERICANS TO LEAVE?

A: WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO DO SO AND ARE ADVISING THEM ACCORDINGLY.

Q: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO GENERAL AMIN'S STATEMENT ABOUT WATERGATE, PRESIDENT NIXON, DR. KISSINGER, THE MIDDLE EAST WAR, ETC?

A: THERE IS NO USEFUL PURPOSE TO BE SERVED BY COMMENTING ON SUCH STATEMENTS.

Q: HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE IN UGANDA?

A: THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 240 PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA, MOST OF THEM MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THERE CURRENTLY ARE 14 OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IN OUR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA.

3. FYI: OCT 24 NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED SHORT UPI ARTICLE ON PRES. AMIN'S CHARGE OF IMMINENT US-UK INVASION OF UGANDA. NO MENTION MADE OF CHARGE'S OCT 23 MEETING WITH AMIN. IF DEPT SPOKESMAN IS ASKED ABOUT AMIN'S ASSERTIONS, HE WILL REPLY ALONG LINES STATE 209515. KISSINGER

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